



MEDIA RELEASE

Two Arrested in Case Involving Sex With a Minor

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On Wednesday, January 4, 2012, the Santa Barbara Police Department with the assistance of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department served arrest and search warrants in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The Santa Barbara Police Department sought the assistance of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department following a lengthy investigation into crimes that occurred in both Santa Barbara and Mammoth Lakes. Two Mammoth Lakes residents, Andrew Bourne, age 46 and Joseph Walker, age 48 were arrested. Walker was arrested and booked for 6 counts of 288.3 PC, illegal communication with a minor to facilitate sexual activity and 1 count of 288 (c)(1) PC, unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. Bourne was arrested and booked for 8 counts of 288.3 PC, illegal communication with a minor to facilitate sexual activity. Both Bourne and Walker were booked at Mono County Jail and their bail was set at \$1 million each. Bourne and Walker waived extradition and will be transported to Santa Barbara and booked into Santa Barbara County Jail.

The investigation began in September of 2011 when suspicious emails sent to a teenage female were discovered and reported to the police.

This lead to the recovering of over 1000 emails which were used to obtain the arrest and search warrants in this case. The investigation is continuing and all media requests for additional information should be directed to Sergeant Duarte at the Santa Barbara Police Department at (805) 897-2332.

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